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A Texas paper notes that a basket of green peaches also look extremely well through a pink peek-a-boo.

It is pretty hard in these days of disastrous earthquakes and volcanic eruptions to agree with Browning that "All's right with the world."

Japan had 16,000 suicides in 1905. Contrary to a popular impression, only five grew out of disappointment at not being able to go to war.

Rev. C. E. Scott has figured that there are a thousand million heathens in the world, and the chances are that he didn't include Wall Street in the count.

The proposed establishment of hatcheries for mosquito-eating fishes may prove not the least efficient aid in the continuous war upon yellow fever.

Kansas has a wheat crop of 100,000,000 bushels. Kansas has on deposit in its banks nearly \$100 for every inhabitant. Kansas has nothing the matter with it.

The cost of living in Japan has advanced from 40 to 50 per cent. in ten years, but the spirit of the new Japan would be reluctant to exchange its place in history for that of any previous decade.

After all, the automobilists are not unreasonable. All a Bartholomew county girl had to do was to point a big revolver at a chauffeur to persuade him to stop his machine while she navigated her skittish colt by it.

Dr. T. Clifford Albright, the professor of physics at Cambridge, England, has declared that there ought to be a law against any man playing golf before he reaches the age of 25. Perhaps his idea is that up to the time when a man is 35 his chief aim in life ought to be to earn his living.

A man who had won millions of dollars playing the races died in poverty a few days ago. There are only a few men on record who have won millions playing the races, but there are many millions who have lost many dollars each and finished in comparative poverty as far as the race horse betting game is concerned.

A Cincinnati woman complained of her husband that he compelled her to eat all kinds of breakfast foods and denied her breakfast, caramel and every other proper food. After having consumed tons of stale-baked, Shaker oats, Rusted wheat, and Scalloped peas she concluded to return to civilization by way of the divorce court.

A Boston maiden advocates a law prohibiting men who have never been married from marrying widows. She declares the unmarried men fall easy victims to the wiles of widows and that it is discouraging to maidens to be forced to take widowers who have children. The lady ought to know that no legislature on earth will ever be able to cope with the widow question. No, and there is no law strict enough to restrain the erratic cupid in playing his game of hearts.

Our large cities grow larger at a tremendous rate. The rural and semi-rural communities are steadily drained of their population to feed the towns. Census bureau figures show that during the past five years 44 out of 106 counties in Kansas show a loss in population. In Iowa all but 22 of the 99 counties of the state have now fewer inhabitants than they contained in 1900. Some of this decrease in both states is, however, due to emigration to Canada. In Pennsylvania the growth of cities has been much more rapid than that of the rural portion of the state.

The China seas used to swarm with pirates, and many are the tales of former times in which these outlaws figured as robbers and murderers. Modern civilization, aided by good shooting on the part of up-to-date vessels, has caused these pests almost to disappear. There are a few left, however. Thirty pirates, disguised as passengers, attacked a British steamer near Canton and afterward escaped. The occurrence demonstrates that there is still a great deal of daring wickedness "east of Suez."

The visit of Indian chiefs from Vancouver to King Edward of England recalls the time, in early colonial history, when heads of savage tribes in America used to cross the water to pay respects to sovereigns in royal coats. The present visit is to secure redress for grievances alleged by the chiefs to exist, and which they wish the king to remedy. Canadian management of Indian matters has often been vaunted as wise and kindly, but it appears there are redmen up there who think they have cause for "kicking."

The proprietors of a St. Louis newspaper have distributed the following notice: "The news of English we tell the latest. Write in perfectly style and most earnest. Do a murder gift commit, we hear of and tell it. Do a mighty chief die, we publish it, and in borders of sombre. Staff has each one been college, and write like the Kipling and the Dickens. We drive every low and extortionate not for advertisement. Buy it. Buy it. Tell each of you its greatness for good. Ready on Friday. Number."

William Cullen Bryant once wrote an ode to a mosquito, beginning "Falls insect." He must have known that only the lady mosquito lights upon man.

It's a little disturbing to learn that an Englishman has invented a motor horse that can be attached to any vehicle, but, thank goodness, the machines cost \$1,500 each.

The coffee consumed in this country last year cost the people \$81,000,000. No wonder coffee has a tendency to make some of us lie awake. There is a man in Michigan 50 years old with whiskers eight feet long. Even if the papers had omitted reference to his whiskers we should have known he was no shaver.

Mr. Constock insists with some reason that a man need not be an author on art in order to give expert testimony on impropriety.

Now that it is known the Marquis of Townshend killed an American before, how can they prove he is sane?

## 90 PER HOUR

FIFTEEN THOUSAND CHINESE LABORERS OFFERED THE ISTHMIAN COMMISSION.

## TO DIG PANAMA CANAL

Four Proposals Submitted to the Commission, Which Will Be Examined Before the Award Is Made.

Washington, D. C. — Proposals have been submitted to the Isthmian canal commission for the furnishing of Chinese labor to be employed in the construction of the Panama canal.

At the conclusion of the reading of the proposals, Mr. Pepperman announced that no award would be made of the contract until the proposals had been examined by the commission and its general counsel.

A summary of the four proposals submitted follows:

"The American-China Contracting Co., represented by James R. Morse, of Eaglewood, N. J.: Common laborers, 10 cents per hour; foremen and interpreters, 20 cents per hour; physicians, 40 cents per hour; cooks and barbers, 15 cents per hour.

"International Contracting Co., Washington, D. C., represented by Carroll Purman, President: Laborers and cooks, 13 cents per hour; doctors, 25 cents per hour; assistant doctors, 25 cents per hour; interpreters, 2 1/2 times 13 cents per hour; foremen, 1 1/2 times 13 cents per hour.

"Joel Julian Reuben, Washington, D. C.: For the first 2,500 Chinese laborers, 11 cents per hour; foremen, 40 cents per hour; doctors, 60 cents per hour; cooks and barbers, 30 cents per hour.

"For the additional 1,000 above 2,500, laborers, 11 cents per hour. For the second additional 1,000 laborers, 10 1/2 cents per hour. For the third 1,000, 10 cents per hour. Fourth, 10 1/2 cents. Fifth, 10 1/2 cents. Sixth, 10 1/2 cents. Seventh, 10 1/2 cents. Eighth, 10 1/2 cents. Tenth, 9 1/2 cents. Eleventh, 9 1/2 cents. And for the remainder of the 15,000 laborers, 9 cents per hour."

The last proposal is assumed at the department to mean that if the commission enters into contract with Mr. Reuben, and wants the full quota of 15,000 Chinese, he will furnish them at the rate of 9 cents per hour for common laborers.

## DEATH OF ROBERT HITT.

In Congress From Illinois For Twenty-Five Years.

Chicago, Ill. — Congressman Nathan Hitt, a gentleman and scholar, died at 5:30 o'clock Thursday at his residence, 1015 N. La Salle street. He had been seriously ill for a week. Congressman Hitt had been in ill health for some time, and recently declined to be a candidate for reelection to congress, having determined to retire from public life. He had gone to Narragansett Pier to recuperate. It was not thought that he was in a serious condition until a week ago. At that time he began to fail and despite the efforts of physicians who were with him constantly, he succumbed.

Mr. Hitt had been a member of congress for 25 years. His home was in Rochelle since he was first elected to represent the Thirtieth Illinois district. He was born in Urbana, O., Jan. 16, 1834. When he was 3 years old he was taken to Ogle county, Illinois, where he began his long residence in the state. At the time of his death Mr. Hitt was chairman of the committee on foreign affairs in the house. Surviving him are his wife and two sons, Reynolds, who is first assistant secretary of the American legation in Rome, and William F., a banker in New York.

No public man in America had a more varied, picturesque, clever and useful career.

His father, Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, when he removed to Illinois in 1837, established the Rock River seminary at Mount Morris, Ill. Here Congressman Hitt began his education, finishing at De Pauw university, Greencastle, Ind.

## SUIT AGAINST WATERS-PIERCE.

Attempt to Oust the Oil Company From Texas.

Austin, Tex. — The long-expected suit by the state against the Waters-Pierce oil company was filed in the Twenty-sixth district court by Assistant Attorney General Lightfoot. The suit is for ouster from the state, cancellation of permit to do business in Texas for violation of the anti-trust laws of 1899 and 1903, and for penalties aggregating \$5,229,400.

## Root Arrives at Panama.

Panama, United States. — Secretary Root and party, anchored in the bay at four o'clock Thursday afternoon. Shortly afterward Gov. Magdon of the Canal zone; John Barrett, United States minister, and other American officials went on board to greet Mr. Root. Mr. Root and party landed at nine o'clock Friday.

Mr. Root is highly decorated in honor of the American secretary of state, and Friday declared a holiday.

## A General Cleaning Up.

Colon. — In anticipation of Secretary Root's passage across the isthmus, a general cleaning up has taken place along the route. Laborers' houses being whitewashed, and railroad property put in order.

## The Army Is Ready.

Washington, D. C. — Preparation is the watchword of the army regarding Cuba. Not only have complete plans been prepared, but every department is ready to meet the emergency of intervention if it should occur.

## Engineer Killed.

Dayton, Ohio. — Engineer Smith, of Dayton, was killed, and his friend, James McQuerry, of Lima, was fatally injured, in a wreck on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, early this morning, north of this city.

## Died Suddenly in Mexico.

Bethlehem, Pa. — Rev. Dr. Robert J. Nevin, rector of the Church of St. Paul, within the walls of Rome for 37 years, died suddenly in Mexico City, where he had been sojourning since August last.

## TWELVE DEAD IN EXPLOSION

CARLOAD OF DYNAMITE LETS GO AT JELICO, TENN.

Noise Heard Twenty Miles, and Nearly Every Piece of Glass Within a Mile Broken.

Jelico, Tenn. — Twelve deaths, the injuring of scores of other persons, and five hundred thousand dollars' worth of damage to property, was caused here when a carload of dynamite, standing on a track near the Southern railway depot, exploded with a report that was heard for 20 miles. Buildings were shattered in the business section of the town, and nearly every piece of glass within a radius of one mile of the scene was broken.

There is a possibility that other bodies may be recovered from the ruins.

Eighteen persons were seriously injured. The list of injured will reach 2-3. Twenty Thousand Pounds Dynamite. The freight car, belonging to the Pennsylvania railroad line, contained 450 boxes, or 20,000 pounds of high explosives, consigned to the Rand Powder Co. at Clearfield, Tenn.

Two causes are assigned for the explosion. One is that three parties were shooting at a mark on the car, and that a bullet entered the car, causing the explosion.

The other is that while the car was standing on a side track, a carload of pig iron was switched against it, and that the impact caused the explosion.

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Rescuers began work soon after the explosion and medical aid was asked of Knoxville, which sent a dozen physicians to administer to the wounded. The holding of inquests over the bodies of the victims was begun during the afternoon.

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The British governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, and naval commissioner of Hong Kong station, have dispatched a fleet of torpedo boats around the island. Hundreds of bodies have been recovered, and many survivors of wrecks have been picked up in an exhausted condition.

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## Prosperity in Farming Community.

New York. — Bradstreet says: The proper of the farming community is such that a general holding movement would have an important effect upon the return flow of money from the country. The demand of the country for currency is still very heavy, and higher rates are looked for, despite gold imports, until after October 1, when the crop movement is expected to enlarge. Business failures are down to the minimum bank clearings continue to expand and the country's railway earnings exceed last year by fully 13 per cent. Crop shortage troubles are complained of in many places, and something like another spurt has occurred in buying by railways of new material, such as rolling stock and rails. From nearly all parts of the country complaints of labor scarcity comes, the pinch being apparently greater in the present cotton fields. In all the situation is a very satisfactory one.

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The lad plays about the grounds near the house, but never for an instant is he left by a French maid. Within calling distance two or more stalwart guards walk about.

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## \$100,000 Fire.

Macon, Ga. — The Central City planing and lumber mill, the largest in this section, and the Central City plant were destroyed by fire; loss \$100,000.

## A RACE WAR

MOB OF WHITES MAKE A NIGHT OF TERROR FOR BLACKS IN ATLANTA.

## WHITE MAN'S FURY

Many Negroes Killed and Wounded and the Governor Calls Out the Militia to Restore Order.

Atlanta, Ga. — A race war of alarming proportions began here Saturday night. Through the night it raged with varying vigor and when Sunday morning dawned it found a number of negroes and one white man dead, a score of both races wounded and the downtown streets in possession of eight companies of the Fifth Georgia infantry with a battery of light artillery in reserve.

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CHAPTER VI.

Next morning Lavender strolled idly into the woods back of the fort. Familiarity with the forest had softened its terrors, and she welcomed its solitude now in relief from the curious eyes and wagging tongues of all in the garrison. For news of the averted duel had spread through the camp, and she was tired of questions, of whispers and looks askance.

The woods were more friendly; silent, save the sighing of leafless branches in restless wooing of the wind. In the tiny brown buds of yellow-green shoots that peeped bravely out beneath the sheltering heaves of moldering leaves.

Occasionally Lavender stopped to pick a twig that the frost had glided, or a bit of sumach to which he had spared the scarlet.

On a sudden, the whizz of an arrow rang in her ears, and she felt its wind buffet her face. At the moment, an Indian staggered through the underbrush. He turned upon her the beseeching look of a wounded stag, then with a guttural moan, fell as if lifeless at her feet.

Her impulse was to run, leaving the wounded man to his fate. For might not another arrow follow—herself its mark?

But after a moment's hesitation, she knelt at the Indian's side, and lifted the unconscious head to her lap.

The ghastly bunch of feathers protruded from the buckskin coat; one upstart's shuddering pause, then with a quick jerk she wrenched the arrow from its yet pulsing sheath. Warm, quivering, the blood followed. Drying her kerchief, she stanching the flow.

In the wounded man's belt was a flask of brandy which she moistened his lips, and rubbed his great, limp hands and slanting forehead.

Slowly his eyes opened, and met her gaze, wide with pity.

"All right," she murmured. "He nodded, keeping his gaze on her; then with an 'Ugh!' of relief, closed his eyes again.

Afraid to call, the girl sat motionless. Shouts might bring another arrow, and surely help would come soon! There was a rustle in a tangle of evergreen near; the bushes were parted, and a head, surmounted by a towering circle of gaudy feathers, peeped cautiously forth.

Lavender's heart almost stopped beating, but she gave no sign. The Indian advanced, his gigantic, plumed head brushing the trees. He stooped over the two figures on the ground, and without touching the girl, raised the arm of the unconscious one. Pushing back the sleeve, he examined the wound, and with a word, deflected the dark skin. Apparently the remedy satisfied him—he rose, and, picking up the arrow, calmly wiped the blood from it and replaced it in his own quiver. Then without word or sign, he departed as silently as he had come.

In a stupor of fright, Lavender sat mechanically stanching the blood, her eyes upon the bushes whence the savage had intruded.

There were few hostile Indians about, and the settlers had grown bold. Lavender was as much surprised as alarmed at this sudden apparition. Familiar with all the friendly Indians about the fort, she knew the wounded man to be a stranger, and wondered at his presence in the neighborhood.

Suddenly her eyes alighted upon a packet that had fallen from a small knapsack he carried. This, with his travel-worn clothes, proclaimed him a runner—a bearer of messages from camp to camp.

For the second Indian she could not account, but this one was evidently come with news for Col. Mitchell.

In her haste to get the brandy, she had disturbed the buckskin, and a few blood spots dabbled the writing. Carefully she wiped away the stains, intending to replace them in the knapsack, when a name caught her eye—a name which made her turn from red to white with alarm—Charles Winslow, and closely following it the words, "spy" and "traitor" designs.

The writing fascinated her; the characters burr deep into her memory, and she kept her gaze upon them as if to assure herself that she read aright—that the words "spy" and "traitor" did, indeed, stand close to the name of Winslow.

At the moment she heard footsteps—not stealthy. Firm and sure they crunched the dead leaves, and the noise was inspiring after the awful calm of the forest and its savage tenants.

She had only time to hide the packet of dispatches in the folds of her gown, when a familiar voice called her name, and Winslow's face, his eyes shining and mirthful, peered across the intervening thicket. "I've caught you, runaway! You were beginning, but the words from on high. 'God in Heaven, what has happened?'"

She lifted a warning finger, and tried to speak lightly, though her voice trembled. "Be careful; there are Indians about. This one was hurt by a random arrow; there may be others."

Winslow sprang to her side. "Shall I take you place; or would you rather wait a minute while I go for help?"

To his surprise, Lavender replied: "Neither—yet."

Then, with a gesture that enjoined silence, she handed him the dispatches. On the bosom of her gown they had left a tiny red stain. "Read those," she commanded.

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For some time past extensive experiments have been conducted in Europe, and more especially in France, in an endeavor to ascertain the most practical and economical method of preventing dust being raised from streets and roadways. Three processes have been given exhaustive trials—oil, watering with diluents, and salting. The most successful of the experiments were those made with coal tar, the cost of this application in France amounting to about 2.5 to three cents per square yard, but this cost is reduced to a very small figure when it is considered that the application saves wear on the roadbed amounting to at least two cents per square yard per annum.

What is in the paper? What does it mean? "It is a lie, and it means a prison," he replied, firmly. Then, leaning over the wounded man, he said: "He must be brought to camp," he said; "and you—you are wretchedly uncomfortable; come, let us—"

But she interrupted him. "I will not stir, or rouse this man until I know the contents of those dispatches; they fell from his knapsack, and I was about to put them back when I saw—"

"I saw your name, and another word, 'spy.' That was enough for me. I appropriated the dispatches. Now tell me the rest."

Bending low he whispered: "Burr is a prisoner. I am to be held here pending his trial. They have orders to arrest me."

A mischievous smile dimpled the corners of her mouth, and a little color crept into her pale cheeks.

"Pardon me, I have the orders to arrest you," and she slipped the dispatches into his hiding place, and over the tell-tale spots of blood arranged anew the folds of her scanty gown